REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully

requested.

By the present preliminary amendment a new Abstract believed to be in more proper

format under United States practice is submitted.

Further, Claims 1-18 are canceled without prejudice and new Claims 19-36 are

presented for examination. New Claims 19-36 are deemed to be self-evident from the

original disclosure, including the original claims, and thus are not deemed to raise any issues

of new matter.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough

examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is

hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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